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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OVIP, (SIMON, WILLIAM E.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY SIMON'S VISIT

REF: (A) DAMASCUS 951; (B) STATE 41479; (C) DAMASCUS 941

1. IN RESPONSE REF (A), U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IBRD SPOKE WITH SYRIAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AL-ATRASH TO EMPHASIZE USG HOPE THAT IMADI COULD REARRANGE HIS SCHEDULE TO BE IN SYRIA DURING SECRETARY'S VISIT. AL-ATRASH SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED, ON BASIS CONVERSATION WITH IMADI, THAT LATTER WOULD CANCEL HIS IBRD MEETING AND REMAIN IN SYRIA FOR VISIT. AL-ATRASH WILL NOTIFY OTHER MEMBERS OF IMADI'S COMMITTEE RE CHANGE IN PLANS.

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2. RE PARA 2 REF (C), SECRETARY DOES NOT CARE ABOUT

SIGHTSEEING, SO NO RPT NO DELAY IN ASAD MEETING SHOULD BE REQUESTED. DURING BRIEF PERIOD BETWEEN LUNCH AND MEETING, SECRETARY CAN LOOK OVER ARMS COLLECTION AT RESIDENCE.

3. PER PARA 1 REF (B) MESSRS. SEIDMAN AND PARSKY WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY TO MEETING WITH ASAD; MESSRS. SEIDMAN, PARSKY AND NEWMAN TO MEETING WITH HAYDAR. SECRETARY WOULD LIKE AMBASSADOR TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO BOTH.

4. RE PARA 3 REF (C), 12:15 PM IS CORRECT ARRIVAL TIME.

5. RE PARA 4 REF (C), FOLLOWING TO BE INCLUDED IN OFFICIAL LUNCHEON: SECRETARY, SEIDMAN, PARSKY, REED, BILLER, NEWMAN, HORMATS. IF SPACE AVAILABLE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE INVITED: HOSTLER, GREGG, PORTER, KENDRICK AND MORELL (SHIELDS WILL NOT BE WITH PARTY IN DAMASCUS)

6. QUESTIONS REFERRED TO IN PARA 8 REF (C) ANSWERED REF (B).

7. PARA 9 REF (C) WILL BE ANSWERED IN SEPTEL RE PROTOCOL LIST.

8. RE PARA 10 REF (C), PHRASE "IF NECESSARY" REFERS TO DIRECT REIMBURSEMENT BY SHAPIRO INSTEAD OF AUTHORIZATION FOR EMBASSY REIMBURSEMENT. EMBASSY TO ADVISE SHAPIRO ON ARRIVAL AS TO APPROPRIATE HANDLING. INGERSOLL

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